the wanton and profane devices represented on the stages
prentices and servants withdrawn from their work, and all sorts
in general from their daily resort to sermons and other godly
exercise, to the great hindrance of the trades and traders of the
City and the profanation of religion To the playing houses
resort great numbers of light and lewd persons, harlots, cut-
purses, coseners, pilferers, and such like The Lord Mayor
understandeth that the Queen must be served by this sort of
people, and for this purpose did licence Mr Tilney, the Master
of the Revels, to reform, exercise and suppress all manner of
players, by which he first licensed the playing houses within the
City, for the Queen's service But the Aldermen conclude that
the Queen's players might as conveniently exercise in some
private place, the City be freed from these continual disorders,
and the great offence to the Church removed which would be to
the contentment of all good Christians, especially the preachers
and ministers who have long time made complaint for the icdress
of these abuses

2,6th February PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays acted at the Rose Theatre this past week were *Muly Mullocco, Orlando Furtoso, The Spanish Comedy, Sir John Maunde-mlle, Harry of Cornwall, The Jew of Malta*

THE DUKE OF PARMA RETREATS

The ambassador now reporteth that on the 18th the King
dislodged his whole army from Claire, fully resolved to give the
Duke of Parma battle rather than to suffer his siege to be
raised, for he had heard that the night before the Duke had
marched from his camp near Cmqsens, with the greatest part
of his vanguard to Cmqsens and Bellencombre with intent to

raise the siege or thrust succours into Rouen But the enemy, having received news of this intent, and being advertised of the effect of the last sally, retired with all possible diligence to Aumale, intending to go along the river to Abbeville The next day the enemy lodged at Sinarpomt, and the next day still continued his way to Abbeville This sudden retreat and the diligence used therein cannot be understood, neither is the siege raised nor the town succoured, except that a few men are sent in by stealth, 15 or 20 in a company at several times